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The Argentine Republic joins the vigorous international protest against the explosion of a nuclear device by the People's Republic of China on 15 May 1995. Argentina deplores the attitude of the People's Republic of China, which is in sharp contrast with the international community's decision to promote effective nuclear disarmament.

The timing of the Chinese test was particularly regrettable, since the test took place immediately after the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the adoption of the Declaration of Principles in which States are called upon to exercise the utmost restraint with respect to nuclear tests. China joined in the consensus on that Declaration.

Nuclear explosions do not contribute a speedy conclusion, within the framework of the Conference on Disarmament, of a comprehensive test-ban treaty, which the international community has recognized as a priority objective in the interest of consolidating international peace and security.

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